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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	Chapter 11
SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, et al.,	Case No. 18-23538 (RDD
Debtors. ¹	(Jointly Administered)

1 The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Sears Holdings Corporation (0798); Kmart Holding Corporation (3116); Kmart Operations LLC (6546); Sears Operations LLC (4331); Sears, Roebuck and Co. (0680); ServiceLive Inc. (6774); SHC Licensed Business LLC (3718); A&E Factory Service, LLC (6695); A&E Home Delivery, LLC (0205); A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC (5028); A&E Signature Service, LLC (0204); FBA Holdings Inc. (6537); Innovel Solutions, Inc. (7180); Kmart Corporation (9500); MaxServ, Inc. (7626); Private Brands, Ltd. (4022); Sears Development Co. (6028); Sears Holdings Management Corporation (2148); Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc. (6742); Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc. (8591); Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C. (7182); Sears Procurement Services, Inc. (2859); Sears Protection Company (1250); Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc. (4861); Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (0535); Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc. (3626); SYW Relay LLC (1870); Wally Labs LLC (None); SHC Promotions LLC (9626); Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC (None); California Builder Appliances, Inc. (6327); Florida Builder Appliances, Inc. (9133); KBL Holding Inc. (1295); KLC, Inc. (0839); Kmart of Michigan, Inc. (1696); Kmart of Washington LLC (8898); Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC (8897); Kmart Stores of Texas LLC (8915); MyGofer LLC (5531); Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation (4658); Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC. (5554); Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C. (4239); SHC Desert Springs, LLC (None); SOE, Inc. (9616); StarWest, LLC (5379); STI Merchandising, Inc. (0188); Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC (None); BlueLight.com, Inc. (7034); Sears Brands, L.L.C. (4664); Sears Buying Services, Inc. (6533); Kmart.com LLC (9022); Sears Brands Management Corporation (5365); and SRe Holding Corporation (4816). The location of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 3333 Beverly Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179.

NOTICE OF SIXTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF ASK LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL FOR SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES, AS DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ASK LLP ("<u>ASK</u>"), special avoidance counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession has filed its Sixth Quarterly Report for Allowance of Contingent Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period From October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, seeking allowance and payment of ASK's contingent fees in the amount of \$2,034,150.27 and actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$48,721.73 (the "<u>Sixth</u> Quarterly Report").

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that objections, if any, to the Sixth Quarterly Report and request for allowance of ASK's contingent fees and reimbursement of expenses must be filed with the Clerk of the Court and served upon (i) ASK LLP, 2600 Eagan Woods Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55121 (Attn: Kara E. Casteel, Esq.) and (ii) the Standard Parties as defined and designated in the Bankruptcy Court's Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case Management Procedures, dated November 1, 2018 (D.I. No. 405), so as to be received no later than February 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). A hearing on the Sixth Quarterly Report shall be held only in the event timely objections are filed. In the event timely objections are filed, a hearing on the Sixth Quarterly Report and the objection(s) thereto will be scheduled and further notice of the date and time of such hearing will be provided.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in the absence of any timely objections to the Sixth Quarterly Report, ASK shall file a certificate of no objection with the Bankruptcy Court, after which the fees and expenses requested in the Sixth Quarterly Report may be allowed by the Bankruptcy Court on an interim basis.

Dated: January 22, 2021 ASK LLP

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SIXTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF ASK LLP AS SPECIAL AVOIDANCE COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

Name of Applicant: ASK LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: Sears Holdings Corporation and its

debtor affiliates, the debtors and

debtors in possession

Date of Retention: June 27, 2019 nunc pro tunc April 1,

2019

Period for which compensation and reimbursement is

sought:

October 1, 2020 through December 31,

 2020^{3}

Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable and

necessary:

\$2,034,150.27

Amount of expense reimbursement as actual, reasonable,

and necessary:

\$48,721.73

Exhibit A: Summary of Expenses

- 1. ASK LLP ("ASK") hereby provides its Sixth quarterly report seeking allowance of its contingency fees and reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses the period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (the "Sixth Report") in accordance with the *Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of ASK LLP as Special Counsel to the Debtors, Effective Nunc Pro Tunc to April 1, 2019* [Docket No. 4374] (the "ASK Retention Order").
- 2. ASK's contingency fees total the amount of \$2,034,150.27, and incurred actual and necessary expenses total the amount of \$48,721.73.

³ The ASK Retention Order authorized the Debtors to retain and compensate ASK pursuant to the terms of the engagement letter (the "Engagement Letter") annexed to the Application of the Debtors for Entry of Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of ASK LLP as Special Avoidance Action Counsel for Debtors, Effect Nunc Pro Tunc to April 1, 2019 [Docket No 4136]. Under ASK's compensation scheme approved by the Court, once ASK recovers \$25 million in gross proceeds, ASK's contingency fees retroactively increase from 7% pre-suit to 12%, and from 10% post-suit to 17% post-suit. Such fees are due immediately upon reaching \$25 million in gross recoveries. ASK reached this amount during the sixth quarterly reporting period. Therefore, the contingency fees this reporting period not only include the contingency fees for amounts recovered from October – December, 2020, but also the retroactive adjustment in fees for all recoveries through December 31, 2020.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the ASK Retention Order, ASK hereby submits its Sixth Report.

Dated: January 22, 2021 ASK LLP

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Exhibit "A"

EXPENSE SUMMARY FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

Expense Category	Service Provider	
Computer Assisted Legal Research		\$4,962.59
Long Distance Telephone		\$1,436.86
In-House Reproduction		\$4,093.80 at .10 per
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Filing/CourtFees		\$34,772.50
Postage		\$1,550.98
Process Server		\$780.00
Mediation		\$1,125.00
Total		\$48,721.73